

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Ropes Eagle Chapter of the National Honor Society has been part of Ropes High School for many years. The objective of NHS is to encourage positive involvement at school and to recognize four qualities in students—scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Those sophomores, juniors, and seniors who meet the required grade average of 3.75 are then eligible to be evaluated by their teachers and sponsors of various school organizations to make sure they possess the desired NHS qualities. This evaluation process takes place during the first part of the second semester. A five-member faculty council officially appointed by the principal makes the final decision concerning new members.

The National Honor Society is made up of leaders. These students often go beyond their usual busy schedules in order to participate in other school, work, or community activities or simply to serve as examples to others on a daily basis. They are willing to help teachers and fellow students. New NHS members are recognized with tokens of membership at a special induction ceremony. This recognition is quite an accomplishment since it highlights the fact that these students have had academic and personal success. Members are eligible to use NHS on scholarship applications as graduating seniors, and they receive the official NHS insignia on their diplomas. The honor of wearing a stole with the NHS insignia at graduation shows the community proof of their outstanding high school accomplishments.

After the appointment of the faculty council by the principal and the calculation of cumulative GPAs by the counselor, the process for new inductees will begin. The following guidelines for selection of members at Ropes follow the guidelines set out in the national constitution and handbook of the National Honor Society.

1. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a sophomore, junior, or senior. (Freshmen are not eligible.)
2. Candidates must have been in attendance at Ropes High School the equivalent of one semester.
3. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.75 on the 4.0 scale as obtained from the counselor. (Not all course grades are included in the average, such as athletics, band, etc.)
4. Candidates are evaluated by a five-member faculty council (which does not include the principal or NHS sponsor) on the basis of service, leadership, and character in the following manner:
 - a) Individual faculty members comment only on students they have had in class or in an organization.
 - b) Candidates are ranked in the areas of service, leadership, and character using the 1-4 number system.
 - 4 – HIGH/outstanding
 - 3 – good
 - 2 – below average
 - 1 – LOW/poor
 - c) An average score of 3.7 is recommended by the faculty council. The lowest teacher evaluation score for each student will be dropped before averaging.
 - d) The Student Activity Information Form, along with other information about each candidate, may be reviewed by the faculty council if the need arises.

e) The faculty council reserves the right to make final decisions on membership of candidates regardless of the score.

5. Members may be evaluated at any time as a group or individually to make sure they are meeting NHS standards.